



PETITION NUMBER:	0908-CPA-02
PETITIONER:	City of Westfield
REQUEST:	The City of Westfield is requesting an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the Family Sports Capital Addendum.
EXHIBITS:	1. Staff Report 2. Family Sports Capital Addendum
STAFF REVIEWER:	Kevin M. Todd, AICP

PETITION HISTORY

On August 24, 2009, the City Council forwarded the Family Sports Capital Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan (the "Addendum") to the Advisory Plan Commission (the "APC"). This petition was before the APC at the September 8, 2009 APC Workshop Meeting. The September 21, 2009 APC meeting represents the first Public Hearing for this petition.

PROCEDURAL

- Amendments to the comprehensive plan are required to be considered at a public hearing. The public hearing will be held on September 21, 2009 at the regular APC Meeting.
- Notice of the September 21, 2009 Public Hearing was published in newspapers and was posted to the City website and at City Hall.

SUMMARY

The City charged the Westfield Family Sports Commission (the "Commission") with (1) identifying local, regional and national demands for sport related facilities and uses; (2) determining the viability of such facilities in Westfield; and (3) making recommendations to the City regarding matters related to such facilities. As part of the Commission's Phase I analysis, it determined that the Family Sports Capital of America initiative is viable and that the City should plan for and take steps to accommodate this economic development concept. Further analysis is currently under way.

The Commission, in cooperation with the Hamilton County Convention and Visitors Bureau, will continue to study, evaluate, and generate recommendations for the project during Phase II of its analysis. In the meantime, the City is initiating this amendment to the comprehensive plan to accommodate the Family Sports Capital of America concept somewhere within Washington Township.

This concept is a significant component of the City's economic development strategy. The purpose of adopting the Family Sports Capital Addendum at this time is to publicly endorse and



promote the City's family sports economic development strategy and to provide would-be private sector contributors guidance to assist in their efforts to develop proposals for the City's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Family Sports Capital Addendum to the Westfield-Washington Township Comprehensive Plan and certify the Addendum to the City Council for adoption.

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